Notice

NOVARTIS INDIA LIMITED

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NOTICE is hereby given that the 75th Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of **NOVARTISINDIALIMITED** (hereinafter referred to as 'the Company') is scheduled to be held on Friday, July 28, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. (IST), through Video Conferencing/ Other Audio-Visual Means (hereinafter referred to as 'VC') to transact the following business:

Ordinary Business

- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statement of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2023, together with the Reports of the Board and the Auditors thereon by passing the following Resolution.
 - "RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statement of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2023 and the Reports of the Board and Auditors thereon as circulated to the Members along with the Notice of the AGM be and are hereby considered and adopted."
- 2. To declare dividend for the financial year ended March 31, 2023 by passing the following Resolution.
 - "RESOLVED THAT final dividend of ₹ 10 (Rupees Ten Only) and a one-time special dividend on occasion of Company's 75th Anniversary of ₹ 37.50 (Rupees Thirty-Seven and Paise Fifty Only) per equity share of the face value ₹ 5 (Rupees Five Only) each, aggregating to ₹ 47.50 (Rupees Forty-Seven and Paise Fifty Only) per equity share of the face value of ₹ 5 (Rupees Five Only) each for the financial year ended March 31, 2023 be and is hereby declared and will be payable to all those beneficial owners/members whose names appear in the Register of Members as on the record date for payment of dividend."
- 3. To appoint Ms. Shilpa Joshi (DIN: 09775615) as Director, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment by passing the following Resolution.

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 152 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the approval of members of the Company, be and is hereby accorded to re-appoint Ms. Shilpa Joshi (DIN: 09775615) as a Director, who is liable to retire by rotation."

By Order of the Board of Directors

NIKHIL MALPANI Company Secretary & Compliance Officer Membership No: ACS 20869

Registered Office

Novartis India Limited

Inspire - BKC, Part of 601 and 701, Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra East, Mumbai 400 051

Date: May 10, 2023 Place: Mumbai

NOTES:

1. Meeting through VC

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') vide its General Circular No. 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022 and SEBI vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/4 dated January 05, 2023 and other relevant Circulars (collectively referred to as 'Circulars'), dispensed the listed companies from dispatching of hard copies of Annual Report due in the year 2023 (i.e. till September 30, 2023) to the members of the Company and allowed the companies to conduct their AGMs through VC.
- ii. In compliance with the provisions of the Circulars, the 75th AGM of the Company is being held through VC. Since, the AGM will be held through VC, the route map is not annexed to this Notice.
- iii. Members logging-in to the VC facility using the remote e-Voting credentials will be reckoned for the purpose of quorum for the AGM under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act').
- iv. The Registered Office of the Company shall be deemed to be the venue for the AGM.
- 2. Electronic copy of Annual Report along with the Notice of AGM
 - i. Members may note that in compliance with the aforesaid Circulars, Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for the financial year 2022-23 are being sent only through an electronic mode (by email) to those members whose email addresses/email IDs are registered with the Company/Depositories.
 - ii. Members may note that the Notice of AGM and Annual Report for the financial year 2022-23 will also be available on the website of the Company at www.novartis.in, website of the Stock Exchange i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com; and on the e-voting website of National Securities Depository Limited ('NSDL') at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com
- 3. Register your e-mail IDs to receive communication electronically

Members who have not registered their email address as a consequence of which the Annual Report, Notice of AGM and e-voting instructions could not be serviced or who have become members post sending of Notice of AGM may register the same in the following manner:

- i. Members holding equity share(s) in physical mode can register their email ID by sending request to the Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Company viz. Link Intime India Private Limited ('RTA') at rnt.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in providing Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhaar Card). Alternatively, shareholder could use the link https://web.linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email_register.html for updating their details online.
- ii. Members holding equity share(s) in an electronic mode are requested to register/ update their email address with their respective Depository Participants ('DPs') for receiving all communications from the Company electronically.

4. Proxy

Members may note that since the AGM is being held through VC, physical attendance of members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the members under Section 105 will not be available for the 75th AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice.

5. Authorised Representative

Institutional/Corporate shareholders (i.e. other than individuals/HUF/NRI, etc.) are required to send a scanned copy (PDF/JPG Format) of the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority Letter etc. with attested specimen signature of the duly authorised signatory (ies) who are authorised to vote, to the Scrutinizer by email to scrutinizer@snaco.net with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in. Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) can also upload their Board Resolution / Power of Attorney/ Authority Letter etc. by clicking on "Upload Board Resolution / Authority Letter" displayed under "e-Voting" tab in their login.

- 6. Members desirous of obtaining any information concerning the accounts and operations of the Company are requested to address their questions in writing to the Company Secretary at least seven days before the date of the meeting through email on india.investors@novartis.com. Please note that members' question will be answered only if they continue to hold the shares as on cut-off date i.e. July 21, 2023.
- 7. Pursuant to Regulation 36 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('SEBI Listing Regulations') and Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ('Secretarial Standard 2'), the details of Director seeking re-appointment at the AGM is enclosed as an **Annexure-1**.

8. Book Closure

The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed on all days from Friday, July 21, 2023 to Friday, July 28, 2023 (both days inclusive).

9. Information related to dividend

- i. Payment of dividend for the financial year ended March 31, 2023 as recommended by the Board, if approved at the meeting, will be payable within 30 (thirty) days from the date of its declaration to the shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members of the Company as on the close of business hours on Thursday, July 20, 2023 and to those whose names appear as beneficial owners as on end of the day on Thursday, July 20, 2023.
- ii. Members are requested to intimate changes, if any, pertaining to their name, postal address, email address, telephone/mobile numbers, Permanent Account Number (PAN), mandates, nominations, power of attorney, bank details such as name of the bank and branch details, bank account number, MICR code, IFSC code, etc., to their DPs in case the shares are held by them in electronic form and to the RTA in case the shares are held by them in physical form.

10. Taxability of dividend

- i. Members may note that pursuant to the Finance Act, 2020, dividends paid or distributed by a Company with effect from April 1, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of the members. The Company shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source at the prescribed rates at the time of making payment of the said total dividend. For the prescribed rates for various categories, the members are requested to refer to the Finance Act, 2020 and amendments thereof, if any.
- ii. Necessary communication in this regard will be sent separately to all the shareholders on their registered email IDs. A copy of the said communication will also be placed on the website of the Company at www.novartis.in

- iii. Shareholders are requested to furnish appropriate declarations and documents by 11:59 p.m. (IST) on Sunday, July 16, 2023 by email to novartisdivtax@linkintime.co.in Alternatively, shareholder could use the link https://web.linkintime.co.in/formsreg/submission-of-form-15g-15h.html for uploading appropriate documents in order to enable the Company to determine and deduct appropriate TDS/ withholding tax rate. No communication/ documents shall be considered post 12.00 a.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023.
- iv. For Resident shareholders

Category of shareholder	Tax Deduction Rate	Exemption applicability/Documentation requirement
Any Resident shareholder	10%	Update the PAN if not already done with depositories (in case of shares held in demat mode) and with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent – Link Intime India Private Limited (in case of shares held in physical mode)
		 No deduction of taxes in the following cases - If dividend income to a resident Individual shareholder during the financial year 2022-23 does not exceed ₹ 5,000
		If the shareholder is exempted from TDS provisions through any circular or notification and provides an attested copy of the PAN along with documentary evidence in relation to the same
Resident individuals submitting Form 15G/ 15H	Nil	Shareholders providing Form 15G (applicable to individuals below 60 years)/ Form 15H (applicable to individuals above the age of 60 years) - on fulfilment of prescribed conditions
Other resident shareholders without registra- tion of PAN or having invalid PAN	20%	Update the PAN if not already done with depositories (in case of shares held in demat mode) and with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent – Link Intime India Private Limited (in case of shares held in physical mode)

- v. Recording of the valid Permanent Account Number (PAN) for the registered Folio No./DP ID Client ID is mandatory. In absence of a valid PAN, the tax will be deducted at a higher rate of 20% as per Section 206AA of the IT Act.
- vi. Non-filers of income-tax return in India will be subject to twice the applicable rate of tax as per Section 206AB of the IT Act if considered as a 'specified person' as per definition provided therein
- vii. Shareholders holding shares under multiple accounts under different status/ category and with single PAN, may note that higher of tax as applicable to the status in which shares held under a PAN will be considered on their entire holding in different account. (The PAN needs to be updated for each account).

viii. Non-Resident shareholders can avail beneficial tax rates under the tax treaty between India and their country of residence, subject to providing necessary documents i.e. No Permanent Establishment and Beneficial Ownership Declaration, Tax Residency Certificate, Form 10F, any other document which may be required to avail the tax treaty benefits. The Company is not obligated to apply the beneficial tax treaty rates at the time of Tax deduction/withholding on dividend amounts. Application of beneficial tax treaty rates shall depend upon the completeness of the documents submitted by the non-resident shareholders and review to the satisfaction of the Company and in case of ambiguity, the Company reserves its right to deduct the TDS as per the provisions of the IT Act.

11. Information related to Investor Education and Protection Fund ('IEPF')

- i. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 124(6) of the Act, and the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 and amendments thereto, the Company is required to transfer all shares in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed by members for seven consecutive years or more, in the Demat Account of IEPF Authority set up by the Central Government. Adhering to requirements set out in the said Rules, the Company has taken appropriate action and transferred the shares to the IEPF Authority on September 26, 2022 for the financial year 2014-15.
- ii. The details of shareholders, whose shares have been transferred to IEPF, are placed on the website of the Company at www.novartis.in
- iii. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 124 and 125 of the Act, dividends, which remain unclaimed for a period of seven years from the date of transfer to the Unpaid Dividend Account, are required to be transferred to the IEPF authority established by the Central Government. The details of unpaid dividend are placed on the website of the Company at www.novartis.in
- iv. Concerned shareholders may note that, upon such transfer, both the unclaimed dividend and the shares transferred to the IEPF Authority including all benefits accruing on such shares, if any, can be claimed by making an online application to the IEPF Authority in e-Form IEPF- 5 available on www.iepf.gov.in
- v. Members who have not encashed dividend warrant(s) for the financial year 2015-16 and onwards are requested to make their claims directly to the Company or to the Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agent, Link Intime India Private Limited, at C-101, 247 Park, LBS Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai 400 083, without any delay.

Following are the due dates for transfer of unclaimed dividends to the IEPF

Financial Year	Dividend Rate per share (in ₹)	Date of declaration	Due date for transfer to IEPF
2015-16	10	29.07.2016	03.09.2023
2016-17	10	28.07.2017	02.09.2024
2017-18	10	27.07.2018	01.09.2025
2018-19	10	09.08.2019	15.09.2026
2019-20	10	07.08.2020	13.09.2027
2020-21	10	27.08.2021	02.10.2028
2021-22	10	29.07.2022	03.09.2029

12. Other information

i. Members holding equity shares in physical form, in identical order of names, in multiple folios are requested to send to the Company or RTA, details of such folios along with the share certificates for consolidating their holdings in one folio. A letter of confirmation will be issued to such member after making requisite changes.

- ii. Members holding shares in physical form and desirous of making a nomination in respect of their shareholding in the Company, as permitted under Section 72 of the Act, are requested to submit details to the Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company, in the prescribed Form SH-13 for this purpose. In case the shares are held by them in demat mode, the members are requested to submit the said details to their DP.
- iii. In case of joint holders attending the meeting, the member whose name appears as the first holder in the order of names as per the Register of Members of the Company will be entitled to vote at the AGM.
- iv. The Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholding maintained under Section 170 of the Act and the Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which the Directors are interested, maintained under Section 189 of the Act will be available electronically for inspection by the members during the AGM. All the documents referred to in Notice will also be available for electronic inspection [on all working days between 11.00 a.m. (IST) to 4.00 p.m. (IST)] without any fee by the members from the date of circulation of this Notice up to the date of AGM i.e. July 28, 2023. Members seeking to inspect such documents may send their request in writing in advance to the Company at india.investors@novartis.com
- v. In compliance with the provisions of General Circular No. 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022 issued by MCA and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD·2/P/CIR/2023/4 dated January 05, 2023 issued by SEBI, the Company is dispensed with the printing and dispatch of hard copies of Annual Reports to shareholders. Hence, the Annual Report for the financial year 2022-23 shall be sent only through electronic mode to those members whose email IDs are available with the Company/Depositories/RTA. If any member is desirous of obtaining hard copy of the Annual Report/Notice of AGM for the said financial year, they may send request to the Company's e-mail ID at india.investors@novartis.in mentioning Folio No./DP ID and Client ID. The Annual Report for the financial year 2022-23 shall also be available on the website of the Company at www.novartis.in

13. Voting through electronic means

i. In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Act and other applicable provisions of the Act, if any read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time and Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations and applicable Circulars, the Company is providing its members the facility to cast their vote using a remote e-voting system before the AGM as well as during the AGM, through the e-voting services provided by NSDL, on all the Resolutions set forth in this Notice. The instructions for e-voting are given herein below.

Important dates for remote e-voting

Cut-off date for determining the members entitled to vote on the Resolutions set forth in the Notice of AGM	:	Friday, July 21, 2023
Remote e-voting period Members of the Company as on the cut-off date may cast their vote by remote e-voting	:	Commences from 9.00 a.m. (IST) on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 and ends at 5.00 p.m. (IST) on Thursday, July 27, 2023
URL for remote e-voting	:	https://www.evoting.nsdl.com

- ii. The Board of Directors has appointed Ms. Malati Kumar (FCS 15508; COP: 10980), and failing her, Mr. S. N. Viswanathan (ACS 61599; COP 24335) of S N Ananthasubramanian & Co., Company Secretaries, as the Scrutinizers to carry on e-voting process (during e-voting period and AGM) in a fair and transparent manner.
- iii. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled for voting thereafter by NSDL. Once the vote on a Resolution is cast by the member, such member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- iv. Those Members, who will be present in the AGM through VC facility and have not cast their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through the e-voting system during the AGM. A person who is not a member as on the cut-off date (July 21, 2023) should treat this Notice for information purposes only. The voting rights of members shall be in proportion to their shares in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date (July 21, 2023).
- v. Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/participate in the AGM through VC but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.
- vi. Any person holding equity shares in physical form and non-individual shareholders, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after the Notice is sent through e-mail and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e., July 21, 2023, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or Issuer/RTA. However, if you are already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting, then you can use your existing user ID and password for casting your vote. If you forgot your password, you can reset your password by using "Forgot User Details/Password" or "Physical User Reset Password" option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on 022 4886 7000/ 022 2499 7000. In case of individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode who acquire shares of the Company and becomes a member of the Company after sending of the Notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. July 21, 2023 may follow steps mentioned in the Notice of the AGM under "Access to NSDL e-voting system".
- vii. In terms of provisions of Section 107 of the Act, since the Company is providing the facility of remote e-voting to the members, there shall be no voting by show of hands at the AGM. If a Member cast votes by both modes i.e. remote e-voting and e-voting system at the AGM, then voting done through remote e-voting shall prevail and voting done through e-voting system at the AGM shall be treated as invalid.

Members desiring to vote through remote e-voting are requested to refer to the detailed procedure given hereinafter:

Voting electronically using NSDL e-voting system

Voting electronically on NSDL e-voting system consists of 'Two Steps' which are as under:

Step 1 - Access to NSDL e-voting system

A) Login Method for e-voting and joining virtual meeting for individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode

In terms of the SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated December 9, 2020 on e-voting facility provided by listed companies, individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-voting facility.

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual shareholders	For users already registered on IDeAS
holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-services website of NSDL.
	2. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com/ either on a personal computer or on a mobile device.
	3. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under "IDeAS" section.
	4. A new screen will open. Enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-voting services.
	5. Click on "Access to e-voting" under e-voting services and you will be able to see e-voting page.
	6. Click on options available against company name or e-voting service provider_NSDL and you will be re-directed to NSDL e-voting website for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.
	7. If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services a) Option to register is available at https:// eservices.nsdl.com
	 Select "Register Online for IDeAS" Portal or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/ SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp
	8. Visit the e-voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a personal computer or on a mobile device.
	9. Once the home page of e-voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section.
	10. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen-digit demat account number held with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen.
	11. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-voting page. Click on options available against company name or e-voting service provider_NSDL and you will be redirected to e-voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining
	during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.

Type of shareholders	Login Method
	12. Shareholders/Members can also download NSDL Mobile App "NSDL Speede" facility by scanning the QR code mentioned below for seamless voting experience. NSDL Mobile App is available on App Store Google Play
Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL	1. Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The users to login Easi /Easiest are requested to visit CDSL website www.cdslindia.com and click on login icon & New System Myeasi Tab and then user your existing my easi username & password.
	2. After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the e-voting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the e-voting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly.
	3. If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at CDSL website www.cdslindia.com and click on login & New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option.
	4. Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on www.cdslindia.com home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the e-voting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service

Providers.

Type of shareholders	Login Method	
Individual shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their Depository Participants	1. You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-voting facility.	
	2. Once you login, you will be able to see e-voting option. Once you click on e-voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-voting feature.	
	3. Click on options available against company name or e-voting service provider-NSDL and you will be redirected to e-voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.	

Important Note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/Password are advised to use Forgot User ID and Forgot Password option available at the website.

Helpdesk for individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. NSDL and CDSL.

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at 022 · 4886 7000 and 022 · 2499 7000
Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33

B) Login method for e-voting and joining virtual meeting for shareholders other than individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode and shareholders holding securities in physical mode.

How to Login to NSDL e-voting website?

- 1. Visit the e-voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a personal computer or on a mobile device.
- 2. Once the home page of e-voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section.
- 3. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID, your Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen.

Alternatively, if you are registered for NSDL e-services i.e. IDEAS, you can login at https://eservices.nsdl.com/ with your existing IDEAS login. Once you login to NSDL eservices after using your login credentials, click on e-voting and you can proceed to Step 2 i.e. Cast your vote electronically.

4. Your User ID details are given below:

Manner of holding shares i.e. Demat (NSDL or CDSL) or Physical	Your User ID is:
For member who hold shares in demat account with NSDL	8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digit Client ID
	For example, if your DP ID is IN300*** and Client ID is 12***** then your user ID is IN300***12******
For member who hold shares in de-	16 Digit Beneficiary ID
mat account with CDSL	For example, if your Beneficiary ID is 12*********** then your user ID is 12************************************
For member holding shares in physical form	EVEN Number followed by Folio Number registered with the company
	For example, if folio number is 001*** and EVEN is 123456 then user ID is 101456001***

- 5. Password details for shareholders other than individual shareholders are given below:
 - a) If you are already registered for e-voting, then you can use your existing password to login and cast your vote.
 - b) If you are using NSDL e-voting system for the first time, you will need to retrieve the 'initial password' which was communicated to you. Once you retrieve your 'initial password', you need to enter the 'initial password' and the system will force you to change your password.
 - c) How to retrieve your 'initial password'?
 - (i) If your email ID is registered in your demat account or with the company, your 'initial password' is communicated to you on your email ID. Trace the email sent to you from NSDL in your mailbox. Open the email and open the attachment i.e. a .pdf file. Open the .pdf file. The password to open the .pdf file is your 8-digit Client ID for NSDL account, last 8 digits of Client ID for CDSL account or folio number for shares held in physical form. The .pdf file contains your 'User ID' and your 'initial password'.
 - (ii) If your email ID is not registered, please follow the steps mentioned below in process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered.
- 6. If you are unable to retrieve or have not received the "Initial password" or have forgotten your password:
 - a) Click on "Forgot User Details/Password" (If you are holding shares in your demat account with NSDL or CDSL) option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com
 - b) "Physical User Reset Password" (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com
 - c) If you are still unable to get the password by the two options, you can send a request to evoting@nsdl.co.in mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address etc.
 - d) Members can also use the OTP (One Time Password) based login for casting their votes on the e-voting system of NSDL

- 7. After entering your password, tick on Agree to "Terms and Conditions" by selecting the check box.
- 8. Now, you will have to click on the Login button.
- 9. After you click on the "Login" button, the Home page of e-voting will open.

Step 2: Details regarding how to cast your vote electronically during the General Meeting on NSDL e-voting system

- 1. After successful login at Step 1, you will be able to see all the companies "EVEN" in which you are holding shares and whose voting cycle and General Meeting is in active status.
- 2. Select "EVEN" of Company [124276] to cast your vote during the remote e-voting period and casting your vote during the General Meeting. For joining virtual meeting, you need to click on "VC/OAVM" link placed under "Join Meeting".
- 3. Now you are ready for e-voting as the Voting page opens.
- 4. Cast your vote by selecting appropriate options i.e. assent or dissent, verify/modify the number of shares for which you wish to cast your vote and click on "Submit" and also "Confirm" when prompted.
- 5. Upon confirmation, the message "Vote cast successfully" will be displayed.
- 6. You can also take a printout of the votes cast by you by clicking on the print option on the confirmation page.
- 7. Once you confirm your vote on the Resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.

General Guidelines for shareholders

- 1. Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) are required to send scanned copy (PDF/JPG Format) of the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory(ies) who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer by e-mail to scrutinizer@snaco.net with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in. Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) can also upload their Board Resolution / Power of Attorney / Authority Letter etc. by clicking on "Upload Board Resolution / Authority Letter" displayed under "e-Voting" tab in their login.
- 2. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential. Login to the e-voting website will be disabled upon 5 (five) unsuccessful attempts to key in the correct password. In such an event, you will need to go through the "Forgot User Details/Password?" or "Physical User Reset Password?" option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com to reset the password.
- 3. In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for shareholders and e-voting user manual for shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 022 · 4886 7000 and 022 · 2499 7000 or send a request to Mr. Amit Vishal at evoting@nsdl.co.in

Process for those shareholders whose email IDs are not registered with the depositories for procuring User ID and Password and registration of email IDs for e-voting for the Resolutions set out in this Notice:

- In case shares are held in physical mode please provide Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to india.investor@novartis.com
- 2. In case shares are held in demat mode, please provide DPID-CLID (16 digit DPID + CLID or 16 digit beneficiary ID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated Account statement, PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to india.investors@novartis.com. If you are an Individual shareholder holding securities in demat mode, you are requested to refer to the login method explained at step 1 (A) i.e. Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode.
- 3. Alternatively, shareholders/members may send a request to evoting@nsdl.co.in for procuring User ID and Password for e-voting by providing above mentioned documents.
- 4. In terms of SEBI Circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by listed companies, individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are required to update their mobile number and email ID correctly in their demat account in order to access e-Voting facility.

Reminder letters to the identified physical shareholders

The Company has sent/ dispatched reminder letters dated May 09, 2023 to the identified physical shareholders at their registered addresses/ registered email IDs, as the case may be, based on latest records available with the Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Company, to convert their physical holdings into demat holdings as per the procedure mentioned therein.

Important information for Members attending the AGM through VC

- 1. Member will be provided with a facility to attend the AGM through VC through the NSDL e-voting system. Members may access by the steps mentioned above for Access to NSDL e-voting system. After successful login, you can see the link of "VC/OAVM link" placed under "Join meeting" menu against the Company name. You are requested to click on VC/OAVM link placed under Join Meeting menu. The link for VC/OAVM will be available in Shareholder/Member login where the EVEN of Company will be displayed. Please note that the members who do not have the User ID and Password for e-voting or have forgotten the User ID and Password may retrieve the same by following the remote e-voting instructions mentioned in the Notice to avoid last minute rush.
- 2. Members can join the AGM in the VC mode 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice. The facility of participation at the AGM through VC will be made available for 1000 members on first come first served basis. This will not include large shareholders (shareholders holding 2% or more shareholding), Promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Auditors etc. who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first served basis.

- 3. Members who would like to express their views or ask questions during the AGM may register themselves as a speaker by sending their request from their registered email address mentioning their name, DP ID and Client ID/Folio number, PAN, mobile number at india.investors@novartis.com from July 01, 2023 (9:00 a.m. IST) to July 21, 2023 (5:00 p.m. IST). Only those members who have registered themselves as a speaker will be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the AGM. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of speakers depending on the availability of time for the AGM.
- 4. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential. Login to the e-voting website will be disabled upon 5 (five) unsuccessful attempts to key in the password. In such an event, you will need to go through the "Forgot User Details/Password" or "Physical User Reset Password" option available on https://www.evoting.nsdl.com to reset the password.
- 5. Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops for better experience.
- 6. Further members will be required to allow camera (especially those registered as Speakers) and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- 7. Please note that participants connecting from mobile devices or tablets or through laptop connecting via mobile hotspot may experience audio/video loss due to fluctuation in their respective network. It is therefore recommended to use stable Wi-Fi or LAN Connection to mitigate any kind of aforesaid glitches.
- 8. Members who need assistance before or during the AGM, can contact NSDL on evoting@nsdl.co.in/ 022 · 4886 7000 and 022 · 2499 7000 or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Asst. Vice President- NSDL at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call 022 · 4886 7000/ 022 · 2499 7000.
- 9. In case of any queries relating to e-voting, you may refer to the FAQs for shareholders and e-voting user manual for shareholders available in the download section of https://www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 022 4886 7000/ 022 2499 7000 or send a request to evoting@nsdl.co.in
- In case of any grievances connected with the facility for e-voting, please contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Senior Manager, NSDL, 4th Floor, 'A' Wing, Trade World, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400 013. Email: evoting@nsdl.co.in/Tel:022-4886 7000/022 - 2499 7000.
- 11. The Scrutinizer shall, immediately after the conclusion of voting at the AGM, unblock the event and count votes cast through remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM and make, not later than 48 hours of conclusion of the AGM, a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report of the total votes cast in favour or against, if any, to the Chairman or a person authorized by him in writing, who shall countersign the same.

12. The result declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website at www.novartis.in and on the website of NSDL at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com immediately. The Company shall simultaneously forward the results to BSE Limited, where the shares of the Company are listed.

By Order of the Board of Directors

NIKHIL MALPANI Company Secretary & Compliance Officer Membership No: ACS 20869

Registered Office

Novartis India Limited

Inspire - BKC, Part of 601 and 701, Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra East, Mumbai 400 051

Date: May 10, 2023 Place: Mumbai

Annexure-1

Information pursuant to Secretarial Standard-2 and Regulation 36 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

Profile and other details of Director seeking re-appointment

At the ensuing AGM, Ms. Shilpa Joshi, Director (DIN: 09775615) of the Company shall retire by rotation, and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment. Based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board has approved her re-appointment subject to shareholders' approval. Ms. Joshi is Whole-Time Director and Chief Financial Officer on the Board of the Company effective November 22, 2022. Ms. Joshi is working as Chief Financial Officer of the Company effective May 01, 2022.

Ms. Joshi, aged about 53 years, is Cost and Management Accountant with an extensive and noteworthy career in the healthcare industry spanning over 30 years with an exposure to international and in-country roles. Out of her 30-year remarkable journey, Ms. Joshi has been associated with Novartis for the past 20 years, wherein she has shouldered various roles of increasing responsibilities and impact. In her last role, Ms. Joshi headed the finance and commercial excellence functions for India Oncology. In addition, she was also responsible for leading the commercial operations for Sri-Lanka & Maldives. Ms. Joshi has also played an integral part in providing strategic direction in her brief stint as Franchise Head for Breast Cancer.

She is the recipient of several Global & Regional Oncology awards recognizing her efforts and contributions on projects aimed at improving cost efficiencies. Her greatest strengths have been driving simplification of processes through digitization, designing astute insight-driven integrated strategies and bring them alive through robust planning and execution.

Prior to joining Novartis, she has worked with Fiat Private Limited, Clariant India Limited and Wander India Limited.

The number of Board/Committee meetings attended by Ms. Joshi during the financial year is disclosed in the Report on Corporate Governance.

None of the Directors and/or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and/or their relatives, are in any way concerned or interested (financially or otherwise), in this Resolution except Ms. Joshi and her relatives, to the extent of their shareholding in the Company, if any.

Details of Director seeking re-appointment at the 75th AGM

Particulars	Ms. Shilpa Joshi
Category of Director/ Designation	Whole-Time Director and Chief Financial Officer
Date of Birth	July 09, 1969
Nationality	Indian
Date of Appointment	November 22, 2022
Qualifications	Cost and Management Accountant
Expertise in specific functional areas	Ms. Joshi has an extensive and noteworthy career in the healthcare industry spanning over 30 years with an exposure to international and in-country roles.
	Ms. Joshi headed the finance and commercial excellence functions for India Oncology. In addition, she was also responsible for leading the commercial operations for Sri-Lanka & Maldives. Ms. Joshi has also played an integral part in providing strategic direction in her brief stint as Franchise Head for Breast Cancer.
	Ms. Joshi is working as Chief Financial Officer of the Company since May 01, 2022.
Directorships held in other companies (excluding Foreign Companies and Section 8 Companies)	None
Memberships/ Chairmanships of committees of the Company	Member of Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and Risk Management Committee
Memberships/ Chairmanships of committees of other companies	None
Number of shares held in the Company and shareholding as a beneficial owner	None
Relationship between Directors inter-se and with Key Managerial Personnel of the Company	None